

136. (Amended) The method according to claim 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is administered in the form of food, which comprises the sugar cane-derived extract.

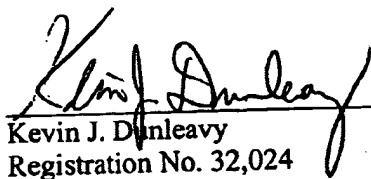
REMARKS

Claims 123 and 138-152 have been cancelled. Claims 122, 124-126, 133 and 136 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 122 and 124-137 are currently pending in the present application. A speedy Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

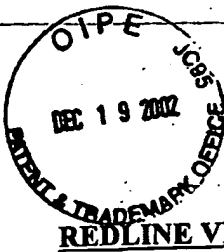
No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment, however, if any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 50-0462 or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-0462.

Respectfully submitted,

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REDLINE VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING AMENDMENTS

122. (Amended) A method for preventing or remedying an ~~affliction~~ infection in humans or animals ~~selected from the group consisting of bacterial infections, viral infections, fungal infections and diseases caused by endotoxins,~~ comprising the step of administering a sugar cane-derived extract as an active ingredient to a human or animal, wherein said infection is selected from the group consisting of bacterial infections, viral infections and fungal infections.

124. (Amended) The method according to claim ~~123~~ 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is a fraction obtained by treating a raw material selected from the group consisting of sugar cane juice, a liquid extract from sugar cane, and sugar cane-derived molasses, using column chromatography with a fixed carrier.

125. (Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim ~~123~~ 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is a fraction obtained by passing the raw material selected from the group consisting of sugar cane juice, a liquid extract from sugar cane, and sugar cane-derived molasses, through a column packed with a synthetic adsorbent as the fixed carrier and eluting substances adsorbed on the synthetic adsorbent with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, methanol, ethanol or a mixture thereof.

126. (Amended) The method according to claim ~~123~~ 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is a fraction which absorbs light of a wavelength of 420 nm out of fractions obtained by column chromatographic treatment utilizing differences in affinity for an ion exchange resin packed in a column as the fixed carrier.

133. (Amended) The method according to claim ~~123~~ 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is obtained by extracting bagasse with water, a hydrophilic solvent or a mixture thereof.

136. (Amended) The method according to claim ~~123~~ 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is administered in the form of food, which comprises the sugar cane-derived extract.